AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a list of candidate alternative spellings, comprising:

finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first spelling that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second file;

~~locating~~ searching, within said second file, for any ~~second~~ spellings that satisfy particular criteria;

wherein said particular criteria includes that said spellings are ~~is~~ spelled similarly to, but not exactly the same as, said first spelling; [[and]]

adding, ~~said second spelling~~ to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within the second document that satisfy the particular criteria; and

storing said list of candidate alternative spellings on a computer-readable storage medium.

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and [[said]] a second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings comprises multiple words.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files and frequencies of occurrences of [[said]] a second spelling from said list in said plurality of files.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on [[a]] whether said first spelling is a plural form of [[said]] a second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on [[a]] whether [[said]] a second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings is a plural form of said first spelling.

11.   (Currently Amended) A volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform steps comprising: the method recited in Claim 1.

finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first spelling that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second file;

searching, within said second file, for any spellings that satisfy particular criteria;

wherein said particular criteria includes that said spellings are spelled similarly to, but not exactly the same as, said first spelling;

adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within the second document that satisfy the particular criteria; and

storing said list of candidate alternative spellings on a computer-readable storage medium.

12-16. (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 7. of Claim 11, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and a second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings comprises multiple words.

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18.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium ~~carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 8.~~ of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files and frequencies of occurrences of a second spelling from said list in said plurality of files.

19.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium ~~carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 9.~~ of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said first spelling is a plural form of a second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings.

20.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium ~~carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 10.~~ of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether a second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings is a plural form of said first spelling.

21.   (New) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.

22.   (New) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said list.

23.   (New) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

conducting a search based on query terms in which said first spelling has been replaced
        by a spelling from said list; and

presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.

24.   (New) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11,

wherein the steps further comprise:

receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.

25.   (New) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11,

wherein the steps further comprise:

presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said list.

26.   (New) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11,

wherein the steps further comprise:

conducting a search based on query terms in which said first spelling has been replaced
        by a spelling from said list; and

presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.